## BEFORE THE POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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## PARTIAL OBJECTION OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OCA/USPS-T9-32(C)

The United States Postal Service hereby objects in part to interrogatory OCA/ USPS-T9-32(c), filed on August 29, 1997. That question asks: "Did any discussion of a delay or other modification of the rate increase filing occur at the September meeting of the Board of Governors?" Because this objection is due today, and the Board's closed meeting is taking place as this objection must be written, the content of the discussions which might take place at the meeting is not known. The Postal Service, however, wishes to maintain its right to object to this question to the extent it could be read to require disclosure of pre-decisional deliberations which take place at a closed Board of Governors meeting. Such discussions would be privileged and not subject to disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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